

Aug. 2 National Night Out brings neighbors together to fight crime

Story and photo by Pam Branch

Citizens, law enforcement agencies, community organizations, businesses and local officials will gather at Naval Support Activity Mid-South Aug. 2 to celebrate National Night Out (NNO).

NNO is the annual crime prevention event that NAVSUPACT Mid-South and the Millington community have partnered together in presenting for 18 years. With only a few exceptions, the attendance and participation have grown each year. Last year, 4,000 came out to the fun festivities, while nationally over 33 million joined in similar efforts in their communities.

NNO is designed to:

- Heighten crime, drug and violence prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships;
- Send a message to criminals to let them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

This year's festivities will be Tuesday, Aug. 2 from 5-8 p.m. at the NSA Mid-South northside track (behind the Mid-South Conference Center on Hornet Avenue, one block north of Navy Road). The public is invited and all activities except food, drinks and pet I.D.s are free.

Millington Mayor Terry Jones will kick off the proclamation ceremony at 5:30 p.m. that will also feature the Sea Cadets presenting the flags and Navy Band Mid-South.

The U.S. Army Veterinary Clinic on base will offer pet IDs (implanted microchips) at cost (\$17, cash only). This is a rare opportunity for the civilian community, since this service is normally only available to military personnel. If a pet is not currently registered with the Veterinary Clinic, medical (shot) records for each animal must be presented.

Area fire and police departments, including Shelby County, Memphis, Millington, and Munford, will have equipment on display, in addition to K-9 units. Other participants/activities include McGruff the Crime Prevention Dog, moonwalk, dunk tank, horse/pony rides, face painting, striker machine, plus many informational booths.

Food available for purchase will include sodas, bottled water, grilled bratwursts with onions and peppers, snow cones and cotton candy.

Spread the word and enjoy the evening outdoors with your neighbors. Send a message



William Murphy (left), firefighter from the Fire and Emergency Services Department of NSA Mid-South, hands out fire prevention material at 2004's National Night Out.

to criminals that our neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

For more information, contact NNO Coordina-

tor Petty Officer Kyle Parker (874-5515) or Pam Branch at the NSA Mid-South Public Affairs Office (874-5761).

Admiral speaks on 'Sea Warrior' at conference center

Pictured, above and below left, Commander of Naval Manpower, Training and Education, Admiral J. Kevin Moran, speaks to Sailors and Department of Defense civilians recently about the Navy's new manpower model, named "Sea Warrior," at the Mid-South Conference Center on board NSA Mid-South.

Sea Warrior is a fleet and Sailor-focused journey that will enhance Navy joint warfighting effectiveness by delivering sea warriors with the right skills to the right places and the right times through sustained investment in the growth and development of everyone in the total force.



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COMPASS volunteers needed

COMPASS is a 12-hour spouse team mentoring program open to all Navy spouses. Using a standardized curriculum, COMPASS introduces participants to many aspects of the Navy lifestyle.

The COMPASS program was developed and is sponsored by Naval Services Familyline, formerly the Navy Wifeline Association.

In order to implement a COMPASS program in Millington, the following are needed:

- 1) Volunteer mentors who have experienced Navy life and possess the passion to mentor other spouses, and
- 2) Food Angels to help supply light refreshments for COMPASS sessions. Mentor training will take place late summer or early fall at the base Chapel. Free childcare is offered on-site.

For more information about volunteering with COMPASS, please contact Stephanie Muth at (901)386-1922 or themuths@midssouth.rr.com.

Mullen takes over as new CNO

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Adm. Vern Clark was relieved as chief of naval operations by Adm. Mike Mullen during a ceremony that took place in Tecumseh Court, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., Friday.

Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld and Secretary of the Navy Gordon England delivered remarks.

The ceremony is available by streaming video on the Navy's official Web site at <http://www.navy.mil>. The ceremony will also be available to Sailors in the fleet via the Navy's Direct to Sailor satellite television system.



Admiral Mike Mullen

Newsbriefs

Pink Palace volunteers

The Pink Palace Family of Museums will host a 75th Anniversary Celebration Sunday, Aug. 21, from 12-5 p.m. at the Pink Palace. Volunteers are needed to help serve guests. Museum exhibits and IMAX® admission will be free. Volunteers will be hosts and hostesses at this event, serving light refreshments, blowing up and handing out balloons, directing visitors to the various activities throughout the museum, out on the lawn, and helping with traffic control. To offer assistance, call (901) 320-6438. Volunteers can choose to work either from 11:30 a.m.- 3 p.m. or 2:30-5:30 p.m. You may also visit the Web site at www.memphismuseums.org for further information.

NMCRS: A helping hand

Living beyond your means is a prescription for disaster. Does more than 25 percent of your take-home pay go to paying bills? Are you making only minimum payments on bills due? Taking out new loans to pay off old ones? Missing payments? Stalling one creditor to pay another? Having frequent family arguments over money matters? The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society can help you improve your financial picture. Society volunteers and employees work hard to help Sailors, Marines, and their families pull themselves out of deficit budgets and into savings plans. Call today to schedule an appointment at 874-7350.

Public address system testing

A test of the base Public Address System will be conducted this week. The initial test will be silent, meaning the public will not hear anything on the outside speakers. If the system is found to be in working order, starting Monday morning, colors will be played using this system. You may contact Emergency Management at 874-5119 for questions about the system.

Remarks by incoming CNO Adm. Mike Mullen

I am deeply honored and humbled to begin my tour of duty as your Chief of Naval Operations. As I do, I ask you to join my wife, Deborah, and me in expressing our gratitude to Adm. and Mrs. Vern Clark for their five extraordinary years at the helm of the greatest Navy in the world.

These two patriots have had a profound impact on our Navy family during one of the most critical times in this nation's history. Their selfless service and dedication made possible accomplishments we could not even have imagined just a few short years ago. We are truly, deeply, in their debt and wish them all the best as they begin a new chapter in their remarkable lives.

Thanks to Adm. Clark's bold vision and innovative reforms, our Navy plies the ocean today more agile and more capable than I have ever seen it. He has positioned us well to continue providing this nation and our allies dominant naval power wherever and whenever it is required. From this position of strength, we can now -- and we must -- push open new boundaries and exploit

new opportunities. To delay is to lose the momentum and the advantage he gave us. My first order is "All ahead full."

I see three principal challenges facing us in the years ahead. First is the need to sustain the current readiness we worked so hard to achieve. It is not free, and it is not a given. I am committed to keeping it sharp.

Second is the need to build a fleet for the future, one of the proper size and mix of capabilities to deter or defeat the enemies we may face tomorrow. It will be different from the one we have today. We must ensure it is even stronger, the right Navy for its time.

And third, no less important than the preceding two, is the need to transform our personnel system. Our Navy can never be better than its Sailors, but it can deliver for those Sailors an accession, assignment, distribution, and education system every bit as modern and sophisticated as they are. We need a flexible and responsive human capital strategy, so that we can continue to compete for the intellectual talent we will need in the future.

These three challenges now comprise my major strategic priorities. I intend to use Sea Power 21 and all its supporting tenets as a framework to attack each one and to serve as the blueprint for our continuing transformation. In the coming weeks I will issue additional, specific guidance, but you have a right to know what principles will shape the decisions I make as your chief of naval operations on warfighting; jointness of services; naval character and teamwork; Navy people's growth, development and readiness; and leadership and accountability.

The American people expect much from us. They expect us to command the seas and to stay the most powerful Navy in the world. As I take the helm from Adm. Clark, I do so with the full understanding that such boldness cannot succeed without your support. I need your ideas. I want your ideas. When I visit you, tell me what you think. This is your Navy. I will listen. I will learn. And I will lead. But I will need your help to do all three. It is time to remove the stops and open the throttle.

Commentary

Speaking for the fleet

Let's welcome the new chiefs

By FLTCM(AW/SW) R.D. West
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I hope that by the time you read this article, the list for the new chief petty officers will be published and you can join me in welcoming those selected. Our Navy is the only service that selects and transitions from the rank of petty officer to a chief petty officer. But as much as the Navy's CPO Mess enjoys its unique distinction, it must also bear tremendous responsibility not only to the Navy and its Sailors, but to itself as well.

Part of that responsibility is to ensure we do everything we can to guarantee a meaningful and proper transition. As chief petty officers we all must be involved at every level of this transformation; we all must be willing to stand together as a CPO Mess and make sure that our new chief petty officers understand our traditions, our responsibilities, and most importantly, what it means to be a chief.

MCPON Terry Scott made a great point in his 2005 guidance when he said, "Our CPO season must continue to instill pride, a renewed sense of dedication and the knowledge necessary for the right start in the mess. While at the same time recognizing that it is just a beginning ... we have a responsibility to properly shape the perceptions and expectations of our new chief petty officers to allow them to hit the deckplates running. Our

Navywide mess is much better today for having focused on the true competencies of our chiefs and how they have contributed to every meaningful success."

As a chief petty officer, you should be very familiar with MCPON's guidance for transition. It not only outlines MCPON's expectations, but it also reminds us of some very important points.

Part of the season includes all chiefs rededicating themselves to our purpose, and all chief selectees need to hear the same message from chiefs when it comes to a chief's duties and responsibilities.

So with that in mind, let's review: Our core competencies directly state that chief petty officers are responsible for, have the authority to accomplish, and are held accountable for:

- Leading Sailors and applying their skills to tasks that enable mission accomplishment for the U.S. Navy.
- Developing enlisted and junior officer Sailors.
- Communicating the core values, standards and information of our Navy that empower Sailors to be successful in all they attempt.
- Supporting with loyalty the endeavors of the chain of command they serve and their fellow chief petty officers with whom they serve.

That is what we strive to teach our new chiefs. And it's what we all need to rededicate ourselves to.

The success or failure of the season will ride squarely on the shoulders of the Chiefs' Mess and more specifically, the command master chiefs and other senior mess members. So it is vital that we, leaders of the Chiefs' Mess, be constantly

and actively involved.

We have to make sure that our new chiefs are being properly trained as the new leaders of our Navy. They must understand our core competencies, our heritage, our traditions, and the importance of their leadership role.

Let's talk about that for a second -- a leadership role. These new chiefs are going to be leading our Navy well into this new century. We are already going through many changes, with many more on the horizon; deckplate leadership has never been more important.

It will be up to them to safely guide and train our junior enlisted -- and teach the junior officers to become a better officer, helping them become leaders themselves. What we teach each season of new chiefs dictates the future of our Navy. Therefore, we are leaving a legacy that will help determine that future.

Now armed with a clear and unified purpose and message, I ask you all to join me in welcoming our new brothers and sisters as they transition to the Navy CPO Mess. With the mess' guidance and combined experiences, they will be more than ready to pin those anchors on in September and join the ranks of the U.S. Navy Chiefs.

HOO YA!



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Chaplain's corner

It's deja vu all over again

By Chaplain (Cmdr.) Anne M. Krekelberg

Some days everything just falls into place. It was a good hair day. No, it was a *great* hair day. And there wasn't a wrinkle on my face that couldn't be nicely covered with a little make-up. But not too much -- I didn't want to look like one of those little old ladies with a pancake face and rosy cheeks. I didn't have as much success hiding the hips -- but hey, at my age, one has to be happy with the little things.

On May 21, my high school celebrated its 50th anniversary. (Okay, this is important -- this was not my 50th, it was the high school's -- got it!?) I grew up in Los Altos, Calif. It's now in the heart of Silicon Valley, south of San Francisco, where starter homes carry a \$1.5 million price tag.

But back in the 1950s and '60s it was a small town. We bought our groceries at Gordon's, our shoes at Buster Brown and drank malts at Nelson's corner drugstore. All the kids knew each other from kindergarten through high school. We all went to Brownies and Girl Scouts together, and in the summers swam at the community pool. The kids at St. Nicholas Catholic School climbed the fence at recess to play with the kids at Covington Junior High. We stuffed rotten apricots with firecrackers and made a mess on the 4th of July. We all participated in the annual town Pet Parade and dressed our animals in such a way that would make People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals curl its toes. It was a great place to grow up.

Getting ready for the reunion, I looked in the mirror and thought, "Not bad for a middle-aged (but never old) lady." But in spite of my pep talk, my stomach was filled with butterflies. Worse, my head swam with pictures of gorgeous homecoming queens and handsome football heroes popping out of the pages of my yearbooks. I was one of those kids who always fit in, but was never "popular." I wasn't a cheerleader and I didn't date a jock. I was just a typical teen with her share of acne, forever intimidated by those girls who walked about campus with a hive of boys buzzing about.

And I admit it -- I felt those same teenage jitters Saturday afternoon before the reunion. I even thought about not going (after having come all the way from Tennessee!). All those old feelings came roaring back and I was 15 again. Would anyone recognize me? (After all, I hadn't seen some of them in 39 years.) Would all the guys still be hanging around the homecoming queen and her court? Would it be a classmate

saying, "Hey, Anne, nice to see you," while glancing over my shoulder for someone better to talk with? I was expecting the worst.

Boy, was I wrong. I had a blast. In fact, it was more than a blast -- it was the experience of a lifetime. Walking up to the registration line, all the cliques and differences melted away in an instant. We were all just classmates -- kids who grew up next door to each other and were thrilled to be there. We recognized each other immediately. Yes ... the guys all had jowls, a bald spot and wore size 40 pants. And (imagine this!) the women had hips that looked just like mine. We all wore what had become, for most of us, the uniform of the day -- blue jeans and a sweater. We joked about gray hair (or lack of any hair at all) and ogled at photos of kids and grandkids.


I forgot all about the fear, trepidation and intimidation I was feeling just hours earlier. When Cindy grabbed me by the arm and said, "Come on, Anne, let's go find Megan," she was no longer that adorable, perky homecoming queen -- she was just Cindy. (Okay, I'll admit it -- she looked GREAT for having four kids and six grandkids, and she is still very perky.) I flirted with the football hunks and giggled with the cheerleaders like I had done it all my life. The past 40 years had had a leveling effect on all of us.

What made the difference between then -- being an easily-embarrassed, pimple-faced teenager -- and now? It's called life. Age, experience, faith, heartache, joy, raising kids ... and more. In Girl Scouts we used to sing a song: "Make new friends, but keep the old; one is silver and the other gold."

I treasure all the people and friends I have met over the past 40 years, especially in the Navy. But the kids from childhood -- the teens from Los Altos High -- are golden.

Weeks have passed since the anniversary, and it's back to work and life as usual. But I'm still smiling. I smile because I so fondly remember these people who are an important part of my history, and feel so honored that God saw fit to give me a place among them.

I laugh because I was once jealous of Barbara or had a crush on Peter (who, by the way, has aged very well). And I grin because one year from now, in July of 2006, my class of 1966 will celebrate its 40th reunion and we'll get to see each other again. But next time I'll leave the butterflies at home.



Managing Change

www.navyonesource.com

If there is one thing Sailors and their families are accustomed to, it is change. You change jobs, homes, communities, and schools far more often than most Americans do. And you know only too well the changes military families experience when Service members deploy and return home. Navy OneSource this month is featuring resources geared to managing change.

Perhaps you are anticipating changes associated with reassignment, relocation, deployment, or reunion with family; or maybe you are anticipating one of life's milestones such as marriage, birth of a child, or retirement. Whatever your situation, there are resources available to help with the challenges change brings.

On Navy installations, Fleet and Family Support Center provides useful resources such as workshops and relocation assistance especially if you are PCSing overseas. Both the Fleet and Family Support Center and Navy OneSource consultants have information and can offer assistance for managing change. They can also connect you with other support services in your community.

Additionally, Navy OneSource supports families no matter what time of day or where folks are located. Available by phone and online, Navy OneSource is ready to assist with information and resources on issues surrounding managing change.

In August, Navy OneSource is featuring the CD, *Working Through Times of Change*. You can receive a free copy by calling a consultant or ordering online on the Navy OneSource website.

These resources are just a sampling of the many life articles and information available through Navy OneSource. In partnership with Fleet and Family Support Centers, Navy OneSource provides beneficial resources and information to help you meet the challenges and enjoy the opportunities of military life.

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Quote noted

My advice is, don't spend money on therapy. Spend it in a record store. -- *Wim Wenders, German movie director*

A lot of pop music is about stealing pocket money from children. -- *Ian Anderson, Scottish flutist (Jethro Tull)*

Every great advance in natural knowledge has involved the absolute rejection of authority. -- *Thomas Henry Huxley, English biologist*

Men in earnest have no time to waste in patching fig leaves for the naked truth. -- *James Russell Lowell, U.S. writer*

If men can run the world, why can't they stop wearing neckties? How intelligent is it to start the day by tying a little noose around your neck? -- *Linda Ellerbee, U.S. television reporter*

People who have what they want are very fond of telling people who haven't what they want that they really don't want it. -- *Ogden Nash, U.S. poet*

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MA2 Mary M. Miracle (right) receives the SOQ plaque from Capt. Matt Straughan, NSA Mid-South commanding officer.

Master-at-arms is host command's senior SOQ

MA2 Mary M. Miracle has been selected as the Senior Sailor of the Quarter, second quarter, for NSA Mid-South.

Miracle was recognized for her outstanding professional achievement, having been selected from several highly deserving candidates after passing rigorous selection criteria and the closest scrutiny. As Alpha Section field training officer at the base Security Office, she devoted numerous hours to improving the skill levels of all personnel in her section and consistently set the example by accomplishing quali-

cations well above her required level. Miracle's ever-present motivation and team-building attitude have been evident in all of her accomplishments, including the indoctrination and training of new dispatchers and being assigned as the section watchbill coordinator. Her ability to promote the command mission and vision has increased the skills and abilities of herself and her peers. Miracle was cited in her award for possessing exceptional technical ability, distinctive accomplishments and unswerving devotion to duty.



Angie Johnson



Helen Soriano

NSA Mid-South chooses top civilians of quarter GS-7 and above

Angie Johnson has been selected as the second quarter 2005 NSA Mid-South Civilian of the Quarter (GS-7 and above).

Her citation read, "Johnson exemplifies the excellence of the Navy's Child and Youth Program as the youth director. [Her] care for the children of NSA Mid-South and community extends past her normal working hours. Johnson extends herself to the community to assist with youth sporting activities, as well as coordinating activities with community members."

In addition, Johnson attends school board meetings to keep abreast of information and then analyzes the information to ascertain the effects it may have on the NSA Mid-South program and community.

Johnson submitted two grant applications to the Boys and Girls Club of America, which the Youth Program is affiliated with, and both of them were approved, totaling over \$1,000 in funds and supplies. During a time when it has become extremely important to utilize all resources and to be more efficient at the right cost, Johnson has further proved her value to the Youth Program team.

At times, it is easy for managers to delegate responsibilities and tuck away in a back room/office. However, Johnson leads by example. This is evident in the recommendations received from her entire staff, nominating her for Civilian of the Quarter.

GS-6 and below

Helen Soriano has been selected the second quarter 2005 NSA Mid-South Civilian of the Quarter (GS-6 and below).

The second quarter of calendar year 2005 has brought about many changes for the Public Works Department, and Soriano has been an important part of these changes. She assumed the many and varied duties of the secretary to the Public Works Officer, Assistant Public Works Officer, and also provided secretarial support to the offices/divisions within the Public Works Department. She adapted to whatever asked to do, such as gathering data for the Acting Public Works Officer and Production Officer to preparing letters for signature for the Director, Facilities Planning Office. Coworkers note that she treats her customers with respect, provides them with the support or information they need, and as an added bonus, has them laughing (while she's working) before they leave the office.

Soriano is known for being quite competent on the computer, and has helped many personnel this past quarter with her expertise in PowerPoint, Word, and other programs. She also assisted a coworker in the ordering and purchasing of office supplies for the department.

Soriano was responsible for a variety of duties in the office alone for nearly two weeks while others were on vacation and temporary additional duty. During this period, she handled many adverse situations with ease. She professionally took on the duties of a new position in a new location, and kept the office upbeat with her humor. In the present, sometimes uncertain, climate of job upheaval, she was cited for being "a breath of fresh air." At the command's recent going-away luncheon for Capt. Helen F. Dunn, previous commanding officer, NSA Mid-South, Soriano developed and presented a roasting that will be remembered for many years by those in attendance. Visiting guests wanted to know "who that lady was, because she is a 'hoot.'" Not only did Soriano roast the captain, but a few others became the recipients of her roasting.

Soriano won her award for being named "a tremendous asset to the Public Works Department and to NSA Mid-South ... she is honest to a fault, and you can expect her to always 'do the right thing.'"

SIZZLIN'!!!

The place to be on Thursday nights: **Steak Night at the Eagle's Peak Grille.** Get a 12 oz. rib-eye steak dinner with all the trimmings, or have the grilled chicken breast, served with salad, baked potato, and vegetables. Call 874-5415 to reserve your table!



Jeff Lawrence (left) and David Vowell of Chief Electric install the new pump motor for chiller component (on far left).

Contract AC installers work up a sweat to keep customers cool

In order to keep the air conditioning system working properly during the hot days of summer for the NSA Mid-South headquarters building, S-455, the motors to the unit were replaced this week. Contractor Chief Electric employees worked quickly to minimize the downtime of the air conditioning in the building. Temperatures were predicted to approach 100, so work began early after the building was "super-cooled" to lower-than-normal levels. This allowed workplace temperatures to rise only slightly while the work was accomplished.



David Vowell guides the new pump motor into alignment during the replacement process.

West Nile mosquitoes appear in county; spray due in some areas

The Memphis and Shelby County Health Department's Vector Control Section has detected high levels of Culex mosquito activity in several areas of Memphis and Shelby County. Mosquito trap surveillance has indicated high numbers of mosquitoes that are infected with West Nile Virus and able to transmit the virus to humans. Health Department teams are now adulticiding (spraying with an Environmental Protection Agency-approved product) in portions of specific zip codes, 9 p.m.-midnight, weather permitting. It is expected that spraying will be completed tonight.

The areas to be sprayed were chosen based upon mosquito surveillance and testing. Presence of high number of Culex mosquitoes in traps and the identification of West Nile Virus-infected mosquitoes indicate increased risk of human infection. Spraying is being

conducted in these areas to reduce that risk.

Spray trucks will be in portions of the following zip codes: 38103, 38104, 38105, 38107, 38108, 38114, 38127, and 38128.

No human cases of West Nile Virus have been reported in Shelby County as of this time. However, recent weather conditions have increased mosquito activity, increasing the risk of human infection. Residents should be aware of the risk and take measures to protect themselves. Because the virus is transmitted to humans and other animals by mosquitoes that have bitten infected birds, the Health Department advises individuals to protect themselves.

Residents can contact the West Nile Virus Hotline at (901) 544-7503 for more information. Individuals outside of Shelby County should contact their state or local health department for information regarding bird surveillance.



Navy Recruiting video game now on 'Net

From Navy Recruiting Command

The national launch of the Navy Training Exercise Strike and Retrieve online video game was held recently at the Loews Theater, Universal City, Calif. The game was also released online and has been downloaded more than 500 times overnight.

"I think it's great. I haven't had the chance to complete the mission yet but I look forward to playing it a lot more," said one young female enthusiast who attended the launch. "I have no idea what Sailors do, but if it's anything like this game I bet it's pretty cool."

The new online video game that was developed by Navy Recruiting Command and its advertising agency, Campbell-Ewald, to help build interest and awareness of Navy high-tech jobs. It uses a hypothetical scenario to challenge the player to locate and secure top-secret documents from within a downed, unmanned reconnaissance plane, all the while battling challenging underwater terrain, deep sea creatures and an opposing force also on the trail of the downed plane.

"We wanted to create a game that emphasized decision-making and logic so people could understand how Sailors in the fleet operate," said Joe



In "Strike and Retrieve," a fearsome creature of the deep tries to keep the player from locating top-secret documents.

Gaulzetti, senior vice president, Campbell-Ewald. "We didn't want a simple first-person shoot-'em-up, so we worked with Navy Recruiting to come up with the right concept."

Strike and Retrieve has been developed to provide young men and women ages 17 to 24 a chance to participate in a hypothetical "highly sensitive, top-secret" mission. While Navy Recruiting continues to reach out to this audience via more conventional recruiting methods, it is also communicating through gaming and interactive electronic media, an increasing aspect of this audience's daily lives.

More information and the game download can be obtained at <http://nte.navy.com/>.



MWR's Youth and Teen Center is housed in a modern building designed specifically for the young guests. Children of DoD employees are all welcome to take advantage of the summer camp program going on now at the center on Savitz Drive, close to the Commissary.

Youth & Teen Center kids just want to have fun ... and learn

Story and photos
by Wayne Smith

Summer Camp is now in full swing at the Youth Center, located on Savitz Drive. This MWR program offers kids lots of activities for both fun and learning.

The Navy Youth Program is open to all MWR-authorized patrons (all personnel who live and work on board Navy Mid-South, as well as active duty, retired, and Reserve military personnel, NSA Mid-South DoD civilian personnel and their family members).

The Youth Center offers special events, "Kids' Night Out," movie nights, ballet/jazz/tap classes, karate classes, roller skating and other recreational activities.

Each program has been designed to enhance a child's existing skills, promote their physical fitness, encourage creativity, cultivate new interest areas, and help them develop lifelong recreation skills.

The School-Age Care Program consists of Before and After School Programs, Play Days, and the Summer Day Camp.

Indoor activities include group games, board games, figurine and doll play, puzzles, play houses, foosball, video games, arts and crafts, computer play, and karaoke.

Outdoor play activities include playground time, basketball, soccer, hikes, kickball, parachute play, and more.

Approximately 115 children from grades kindergarten through sixth grade and their parents are taking advantage of the Summer Day Camp to have a safe and fun place for youth to stay during the hot summer days. The MWR Department oversees the quality of the facilities and services.

For more information, contact the Navy Youth Program director, Angie Johnson, at 874-5155.



Coach Mark Pelke demonstrates the proper techniques for the youngsters to learn and play on the computers.



This Youth Center sign states the intentions of the entire staff: to have fun for the summer while school is out.

Artclasses
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ativity.



The brightly decorated front counter greets patrons each day at drop-off and pickup.



Computers provide opportunities for the kids to explore their world.



NAVMAC's Herche retires

BMC(SW) Alfred Herche (right), who served the Navy for 20 years, recently retired from Navy Manpower Analysis Center (NAVMAC). He had worked in the Afloat Manpower Requirements Department at NAVMAC for the past three years. His coworkers, family, and friends came together to celebrate his retirement at the Helmsman Complex. Lt. Cmdr. Scott Hoard presents Herche with a Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and his Fleet Reserve certificate.

Light and fluffy summertime delights

By Pam Branch

Layered Party Pie

- 1 (3.4-oz.) pkg. instant pudding mix of each flavor: butterscotch, chocolate
- 4 cups cold milk, divided
- 1 chocolate flavor piecrust
- 1/2 cup whipped topped
- 2 T. chopped pecans
- 1 tsp. mini chocolate chips

Mix butterscotch pudding with two cups milk. Pour into pie crust. Mix chocolate pudding with remaining milk. Pour over butterscotch layer. Refrigerate 15 minutes or until set. Just before serving, spread whipped topping over chocolate layer. Sprinkle pecans and chocolate chips on top.

The Cupboard

Chocolate Sensation

- 1 stick butter or margarine, softened
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts
- 1 cup each: self-rising flour, powdered sugar
- 1 (12-oz.) pkg. instant chocolate pudding
- 1 (8-oz.) container frozen whipped topping, thawed (divided)
- 1 (8-oz.) pkg. cream cheese, softened

Blend together butter, flour and nuts to make a crust; spread in 9x13-inch pan. Bake at 350 degrees until light brown, approximately 15 minutes; cool. Mix together

sugar, cream cheese and half the whipped topping; spread evenly over first layer. Make pudding according to box directions; pour over previous layers. Top with remaining whipped topping; chill thoroughly before serving. Leftovers will keep several days in refrigerator.

Pear Delight

- 1 (8-oz.) cream cheese, cubed
- 1 (20-oz.) can pear halves, undrained
- 1 (6-oz.) box orange gelatin
- 1 (12-oz.) container frozen whipped topping, thawed

Drain pears and place juice in saucepan; add gelatin to juice and bring to a boil, stirring until gelatin dissolves. Turn temperature on low. Add cream cheese and melt completely; cool. Chop pears and add to cooled mixture. Blend gelatin mixture and whipped topping. Pour into 9x13-inch pan. Refrigerate until firm. Good served on crackers, pound cake or alone. Makes 14 servings.

Mandarin Orange Pie

- 1 (8-oz.) cream cheese, softened
- 1/4 cup orange marmalade
- 2 cups frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 2 (11 or 15-oz.) cans mandarin orange sections, well drained
- 1 (9-inch) graham cracker piecrust

Blend cream cheese and orange marmalade; stir in whipped topping. Place a single layer of oranges on bottom of piecrust. Spoon cream cheese mixture over oranges. Garnish with remaining oranges. Cover and chill two hours or overnight. Garnish with remaining whipped topping prior to serving. Other canned fruits may be substituted.

Promotions and awards

Awards

NSA Mid-South

Letters of Appreciation
Lt. Craig A. Clutts, Public Works

Certificates of Appreciation
DCC(SW) Scott Zielger, MA2 Theophilus Simmons, MA2 Mary M. Miracle and OS2 Deannell

Frockings
QM2(SW/AW) Gloria H. Silva, Admin

Joint Service Commendation Medal
RP1 Michael W. Music, Jr., Chapel Center

TRICARE update

Eligibility to purchase TRICARE Reserve Select (TRS) coverage is determined by the Reserve Component member's Service/Reserve Component office.

To qualify, members must have served on active duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001, for 90 consecutive days or more in support of a contingency operation, and enter into an agreement with their Reserve Component to serve in the Selected Reserve for one or more years prior to leaving active duty.

For Reserve Component members who are eligible and have already left active duty, they have until Oct. 28, 2005, to complete their service agreement. **There are 95**

days left from today to enroll, so begin the process NOW if you want coverage!

Details about completing service agreements and enrollment process for TRS are available on the TRICARE Web site at www.tricare.osd.mil/reserve/reserveelect.

Questions? Navy Reserve:

Contact your Navy Reserve Activity TRICARE Reserve Select representative.

Questions that cannot be handled at that level can be referred to:

TRS Policy Coordinator
(504) 678-6053
DSN 678-6053



Warren Roseborough photo

The Navy And Marine Corps Achievement Medal was recently awarded to **MA2 Markeeta Y. Hardin** (left) for her professional achievement as the NSA Mid-South Security Department field training officer from July 2002 to July 2005. Hardin displayed exceptional skills, leadership and resourcefulness in implementing and maintaining all aspects of security operations in support of increased security posture with limited resources. A motivated and proactive supervisor, she expertly managed a 15-person

patrol section. Recognizing deficiencies in personnel readiness, she developed and implemented a thorough training plan to ensure optimum operational readiness of her patrol section.

Hardin's leadership abilities directly contributed to qualifying more than 50 law enforcement personnel to fill mission-critical security billets.

Presenting the certificate is Capt. Matt Straughan, commanding officer, NSA Mid-South.

NPC's Sponsor Assignment Aid tool premieres

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Navy Personnel Command has developed a Sponsor Assignment Aid (SAA) tool to help Sailors get answers to their questions before they arrive at their new command.

The SAA is a Web tool that allows Sailors to communicate with their gaining command to request a sponsor be assigned to assist them with their upcoming transfer to a new duty station.

"There is nothing quite as intimidating to a young Sailor and their family as relocating across the country, and not knowing anyone or anything about the area," said StayNavy Program Manager Lt. Dominic Formica. "The SAA helps ease that anxiety by quickly and easily connecting a transferring Sailor to a 'seasoned vet' in the area where they'll be stationed."

After a service member successfully submits a sponsor request, a notice is sent to the e-mail address on file for the gaining command. The SAA application tracks whether or not the gaining command coordinator has "read" the sponsor request. A "read" status indicates that the coordinator clicked on the Web link included in the e-mail notification and accessed the sponsor request through the Sponsor Request Retrieval tool.

The command has seven calendar days to read it, and 14 calendar days to process it. If a Sailor does not hear from his sponsor within that time frame, he or she can use the Sponsor Request Inquiry to check on the status of the request.

The Sponsor Request Inquiry will let a Sailor know if his e-mail was received and read by the gaining command. If it has been more than five working days, or seven calendar days, since the request was submitted and the command hasn't read the message, the Sailor is given the contact information on file for the gaining command's coordinator. If it has been more than 14 days since the request was submitted and the command has not replied, the Sailor is also given the message reader's name and e-mail address.

The SAA is a tool to improve the quality and consistency of sponsor programs to ensure all Sailors experience a smooth transition from command to command, and improve quality of service for all involved.

All active-duty members can utilize the Sponsor Assignment Aid tool upon receipt of their orders. The Web-based tool provides a 24-hour-a-day Internet communications link between Sailors and the gaining command.

The SAA tool can be accessed by going to the Navy Personnel Web site, www.npc.navy.mil, and clicking on the "Career Info" tab, then "StayNAVY," then "Career Tools" and scroll down to the SAA link. There is a link for Sailors requesting a sponsor and one for commands to update their information.

The SAA tool is not only valuable to incoming Sailors, but also to gaining commands, as it helps promote communication between the two. Once a sponsor has been assigned, a command will be able to better track its incoming personnel through the information provided.

"The Sponsor Assignment Aid is an extremely valuable tool for transferring Sailors," said Formica. "However, its full benefit can not be realized unless there is 100 percent participation from every command. Each command must make sure that they establish, maintain and update their sponsor coordinator information as needed."

Commands are urged to participate in the program by establishing and maintaining a sponsor coordinator point of contact within the SAA tool link. Since the beginning of the program, more than 1,000 command Unit Identification Codes have been added to the SAA tool database.

Commands needing to update their information should click on the Sponsor Coordinator Update link on the same page as the SAA and fill out the necessary data. The command sponsor coordinator point of contact information should include a name, phone number, and the command's e-mail address.

For related news, visit the Navy Personnel Command Navy NewsStand page at www.news.navy.mil/local/npc/.

Get kids ready for a happy move

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Moving is most stressful in the best situations. Relocation with children can be difficult and challenging. The intention/goal of this article is to provide the reader with some sound ideas to help relocation with school-age children go smoother and easier for everyone.

The first step in successful relocation is involving the family in the decision-making process. One should have a family council meeting and talk about the pros and cons of moving. Be prepared to answer any of the following questions.

Talk about the details by discussing the how, what, where and when of the move. If the change involves deployment, then talk about what it will mean to the family. Answer questions about how long the deployment will be and when it will start. Share as much information as you can. This will prevent the feeling of being left out and stop unnecessary fears.

Be informed

Before the move, learn as much as possible about the next duty station and surrounding areas.

Your Fleet Family Service Center may have an informational video, and provide relocation classes and other resources for your move.

Take your kids to the school library for books about the new community and surf the web for information. Many schools have web sites, so see if your children can find their new school.

Get maps of the new city beforehand and show the children where their new house and school will be located. If possible, visit the new duty station prior to the move.

Remember, the more the kids know about their new home, the less anxious they will be about the new environment.

Think "adventure"

Be positive. Show that you are looking forward to the move. It will be stressful, for sure, but exciting. Moving is difficult but not impossible, and the family will still be the same after the move.

Don't forget the value of humor

Humor can help maintain emotional stability for the family. Never underestimate the power of laughter. Laugh at the little things that go wrong, then the toughest of situations will not seem so major.

Danger signals and solutions

Look out for behavioral problems in your children, such as changes in personality, regression or changes in appetite. Find out what is wrong and discover the root of the problem. Conduct frank and open discussions. Acknowledge your child's feelings as being valid and important.

Try to return to a normal routine, which includes regular sleep and diet. Keep family traditions. Above all, keep the lines of communication open. Seek professional help at the Fleet and Family Support Center or Marine Corps Community Services. Lastly, reassure the family that they will soon be settled in their new home.